The President's Page

Arnie Quast, President, EAA Chapter 932

Greetings EAA 932 Members,

Welcome to August! The year is sure flying by fast. As I look back on July, I would say that we had a great month as a chapter. On July 12th instead of meeting at the airport, we had a well-attended breakfast meet up at the Rusty Nail. As always, the staff at the "Nail" provided great service, and we all had a very hearty breakfast. During the gathering, we enjoyed some good hangar talk, and I took a few minutes to update the chapter on our latest happenings. Chapter member Larry Schubert stopped in for a short time, and we presented him with a plaque to thank him for all of his many years of service and volunteerism. As many of you know, Larry and his wife, Leslie are moving to Ft. Collins, Colorado. Larry has been a member of Chapter 932 for over 20 years and has been based at Galt with his 1967 Piper Cherokee 180 since 1995. He has flown over 200 Young Eagles missions during his time here. We are all going to miss Larry and Leslie!

Oshkosh 2019

Several of our chapter members made their annual pilgrimage to the world's greatest aviation celebration, AirVenture! This year we procured six campsites at EAA's Camp Scholler on the grounds of Airventure as part of EAA's Chapter Camping Program. At the start of the week, mother nature threw a curveball at us with some extremely hot temperatures, and torrential rain that came with some severe thunderstorms. Local Oshkosh news stations reported that approximately 5 inches of

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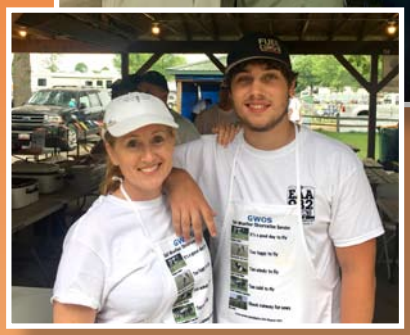
rain fell in the Oshkosh area. Despite the initial challenge of the *Sloshkosh-like* conditions, many of our chapter members made it to Oshkosh to camp together. We all enjoyed quality time together, and will have endless stories to tell about our individual experiences.



One highlight of being at Oshkosh this year was that EAA chose our chapter to host a pancake breakfast at the Chapter Pavilion on the grounds of Camp Scholler. We had a robust turnout of chapter members who all pitched in to serve approximately 340 breakfasts. This was an amazing fundraiser for us, and we all had a blast working together to host the event. Thanks to all who helped and to chapter member, Deena Schwartz, for coordinating the event for our chapter. With AirVenture in our rear-view mirror, I have already heard from many people with some great ideas on how they'd like to make our chapter camping experience even better for next year.

Flour Drop – August 17th

As we step into August, our regular chapter gathering will take place on August 17th, versus the second Saturday of the month. JB Aviation at Galt Airport will host their annual Flour Drop, which is always a fun and a well attended event at Galt Airport. Ahead of JB's Flour Drop, our chapter will have an informal gathering in the form of a pancake breakfast

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Congratulations to Jeff Boyack who was awarded a LightSpeed headset during AirVenture 2019! Jeff is Chapter 932's winner of a Ray Aviation Scholarship.

for our chapter members. This will start at 9AM and run until approximately 10:30AM. After our chapter gathering, JB Aviation welcomes everyone to enjoy their Flour Drop event. Look for more details about our pancake gathering on our website, and an email blast. We'll see you at the Flour Drop!

Guest Speaker – Sept. 14th

On September 14th our chapter will host author Bill Hazlewood at our chapter gathering. Bill is the author of a book *Wright Brothers, Wrong Story*. Hazlewood is a fascinating speaker and tells an interesting story of how the two brothers became first to achieve powered flight. This will be an interesting presentation we are excited to bring to Galt Airport. Hope to see you all there!

As we glide into August, I hope everyone continues to enjoy the summer flying season, and more great camaraderie as a chapter. As always, fly safe, and thanks for making our Galt Airport community one of the best one could ask for!

Best Regards

Arnie

EAA Chapter 932 Calendar

Aug 17	Member's Pancake Breakfast Followed by JB Aviation's Annual Flour Drop
Sept. 14	Guest Speaker Bill Hazelgrove Author of *Wright Brothers, Wrong Story*
Oct 5	Planes 'n Puppies

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EAA (www.eaa.org) is an international organization of members with a wide range of aviation interests, including vintage aircraft, aerobatics, warbirds and amateur builders. EAA Chapter 932 meetings are usually held at Galt Airport on the second Saturday of the month. Check our website for more information about the chapter and events and activities at www.eaa932.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/galt-airport-young-eagles/116543021696619

Off the Top of My Head

Cogitations from the Editor

A Musical About 9/11?

In the chaos and uncertainty that followed September 11. 2001, countless stories went untold. Among them, one story stands out. It's about what happened to the people caught on transatlantic flights when the US airspace suddenly closed for three days immediately after the terrorist strikes of 9/11. Remarkably, it's been made into an award-winning musical called "*Come From Away*."

On that day in September, nearly four hundred airplanes were in the air, westbound over the Atlantic, when a man named Ben Sliney, the FAA National Operations Manager, gave the order to close American airspace. It was his first day on the job.

Gander International Airport on Sept. 11, 2001

Over half of those airplanes were able to turn around and return to their points of departure. For the rest, it was too late. They had already past the invisible line of no return, 30* of longitude. There was a fear that any of them might have contained more terrorists, but they also carried innocent people. They had to land somewhere.

Built in the mid-thirties, the airport in Gander, Newfoundland (CYQX) was once the largest airport in the world, used heavily during WWII by aircraft destined for the European Theater and as a staging point for anti-submarine patrols. After the war, it's position near the great circle routes used by transatlantic flights made it an ideal refueling stop. Jumbo jets, capable of direct flights to Europe and beyond, caused Gander's importance to wane. By 2001, Gander International Airport averaged just 8 domestic flights per day. When the news from New York broke, off-duty controllers began arriving at the Gander Center even before Ben Sliney closed the US airspace. They divided up one hundred and sixty-seven inbound flights among a handful of Canadian airports that could accommodate them. Thirty-eight were guided onto Gander's long runways without incident.

With the real possibility of terrorists on their airplanes, pilots calmly made announcements to unknowing passengers, saying a minor malfunction, a faulty indicator or some other problem needed checking. They would have to land. Once on the ground, they apologized for the ruse. While officials attempted to verify credentials, passengers and crew were required to stay on board. With little or no information, confusion and anxiety reigned. No one knew the full extent of what had happened.

Finally, by noon of September 12th, all passengers were able to get off the planes. Their checked bags and luggage remained in the holds. They disembarked with no food, no clothing other than what they wore, no shelter they knew of and very limited information. Thirty hours passed before the passengers first saw the TV images of what had occurred. They didn't know the fate of their loved ones and those loved ones couldn't get information on the fate of the diverted airplanes.

Gander, a peaceful town with a two-man police force and 500 hotel rooms, suddenly found itself with nearly 7,000 guests from around the world. Ordinary people performed exceptional acts of kindness and comfort. Thousands of residents put their lives on hold and took strangers back to their homes to shower. Schools, churches and legion halls were quickly filled with cots, sleeping bags and mattresses. Merchants cleared their shelves, donating diapers, baby formula, personal hygiene items and anything else that might be needed. The Red Cross and the Salvation Army collected food, clothing and other supplies from around Newfoundland. The local hockey rink became a giant walk-in refrigerator with perishable food items temporarily stored on the ice.

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Hundreds of passengers found themselves without access to their medications. Two local pharmacies worked through the night, overcoming multiple language barriers, filled two-thousand prescriptions and supplied inhalers, insulin needles and more at no cost.

A woman who operated the area's only animal shelter realized that there might be animals on board some airplanes. As she expected, manifests showed that twelve of the aircraft contained animals locked away in cargo holds. She recruited two SPCA members, loaded a truck with pet food, water and cleaning supplies and convinced ground crews to let them search for the animals. Crawling over shipping containers and stacks of luggage to reach cages, the women ultimately provided care for nine dogs, ten cats and two rare Bonobo monkeys on their way to a zoo in Ohio.

The US airspace didn't reopen until Thursday, September 13th. It was Sunday, the 16th, before all passengers would be able to resume their flights.

Passengers and locals made lifelong friends that they would have never met except for a group of terrorists whose intent was to instill fear. The people of Gander wouldn't accept money for their hospitality. Buring the flight back, a passenger who worked as a professional fundraiser proposed the establishment of a scholarship for a collegiate school in Newfoundland. By the time they landed, passengers on her plane alone had pledged $15,000. In 2016, the fund was worth more than $1.5 million and had helped hundreds of Gander area students, including one who is now a doctor in the town.

While we learned of the unimaginable horrors unfolding in our country, Gander, Newfoundland was quietly reminding the world of the best that humans can be. It's a story of the unexpected kindness of strangers and a welcome antidote to border walls and intolerance.

The award-winning musical, ***Come From Away****, is the true story told in the words of both passengers and Ganderites. It is at once, tearful, joyous, bitter-sweet, and inspiring, a story worth hearing and a musical worth seeing.* ***Come from Away*** *is running now thru August 18 at the Cadillac Palace Theater in Chicago.*

For more information on the response of Gander area people on 9/11, I also recommend the book by author Jim Defede titled, ***The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland****, published in 2002 by HarperCollins.*

At Wittman Regional Airport
(simply ***Oshkosh!*** *to us "insiders") finding Planes on Posts is like shooting fish in a barrel. (Is that a real thing?)*
Without even breathing hard, Galt Traffic again presents

Planes on Posts

Walking along a path from the campground toward AirVenture's main gate, I turned a corner and suddenly...***Woa, that's <u>really</u> a low fly-by!*** In a flash, my senses told me that something wasn't quite right *(I'm quick that way).* The first clue was that there was no ear-splitting roar. Secondly, that T-33 wasn't movin' very fast - or even at all. Inching forward, I finally spotted a cleverly hidden **POST**.

Hey, EAA HQ! You guys are makin' this way too easy. During AirVenture, **POP***s all but came to me!*

the Editor

See how easy it is?
Now <u>you</u> do it, and send your submission to
editor@eaa932.org

Saturday
August 17th

FLOUR DROP

at Galt Airport

Registration: 11:30

Competition: 12-15:30

Awards: 16:00

For more information visit flywithJB.com/events/flour-drop
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JB Aviation Flight School

Congratulations to Brooke S! She passed her Private Pilot checkride on June 11th! Pictured with DPE, Dave Monroe.

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Congratulations to Bill W! He flew his first solo flight on 7/1/2019! Pictured with flight instructor, Adam Forgette (left).

Congratulations to Ralph H! He flew his first C172 solo on July 13th! Pictured with his flight instructor, Josh Cramer (right).

Congratulations to AJ! He flew his First Solo on 7/24/2019! Pictured with his flight instructor, Dave Schmitt (left).

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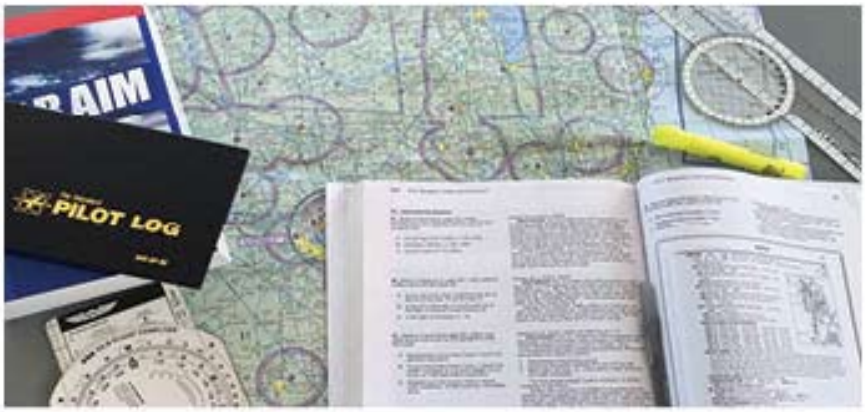

Ground School

Our ground school is designed to teach you everything you need to know to pass the Private Pilot or Light Sport FAA written exam. It incorporates a structured classroom environment with a unique, hands-on learning experience.

Cost is $400 and includes:

- Guaranteed pass on your written
- Membership in JB Aviation's Flight Club ($180 value)

Additional Information

Additional class materials required: E6B, Plotter, FAR/AIM, and ASA prep book. These can be purchased individually, or as a kit for $70.

JB Aviation Flight School

Class Dates

Aug. 10th - Sep. 28th
Saturdays 9-12pm
(no class Aug. 31st)

Oct. 2nd - Nov. 13th
Wednesdays 6-9pm

To reserve your spot, please make payment, cash or check, at least one week prior to the start of class.

For more information, please call 815-648-2433

Planes & Puppies

October 5th 2019

9am - 1pm

- Free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17
- Meet adorable adoptable dogs from the shelter or bring your dog
- Bring a donation and help us "Stuff-a-Plane" with supplies for the Animal House Shelter

**To see a full list of shelter needs
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